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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

1. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED, WE NEED PAROLE AUTHORIZATION FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THIS HAS BEEN BORNE OUT TO US EVEN MORE SHARPLY BY HKG'S INFORMING US EARLY THIS MORNING OF ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL MAY 4 AT 1730 HOURS OF DANISH MERCHANT SHIP CARRYING 3,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO WERE TAKEN FROM SINKING SOUTH VIETNAMESE SHIP.

2. HKG IS PLANNING TO UTILIZE IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTERS, WHICH IN PAST HAVE BEEN USED FOR LARGE INFLUXES OF CHINESE REFUGEES AND/OR TYPHOON AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTER VICTIMS. CENTERS APPARENTLY HAVE LOGISTICS REQUIRED TO HANDLE 3,000 ON TEMPORARY BASIS, BUT HKG CONCERN CLEARLY IS FOR GROUP TO CONTINUE ON AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH HKG AS THEY DEVELOP THEIR PLANS.

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3. WE MUST HAVE PAROLE AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY OR

CANNOT CARRY THROUGH ON OUR OFFER TO COOPERATE WITH
HKG. TO SPELL IT OUT AGAIN, WE NEED SOME TYPE
OF AUTHORITY HERE IN HONG KONG WHEREBY, WITH
LIMITED LOCAL SCREENING, THESE PEOPLE COULD BE MOVED
ON TO GUAM AND/OR US. IF INDIVIDUAL PAROLEES ARE
REQUIRED TO BE SCREENED AND INTERVIEWED, WE WOULD
NEED ADDITIONAL CONSULAR AND/OR INS OFFICERS ON
TEMPORARY BASIS. PERHAPS VIETNAMESE SPEAKERS EVACUATED
FROM SAIGON COULD BE DETAILED TO HONG KONG FOR SUCH
ASSIGNMENT. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY
UNDER 203 (A) (7) DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO US
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